



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Modest increases in distillate production and imports could not counter a sizeable increase in distillate demand, resulting in a stock draw. Total distillate inventories decreased to 114.5 million barrels (MMB) on January 26, 2001, 1.7 MMB below last week but 4.1 MMB more than last year. Heating oil stocks totaled 48.2 MMB, falling by 0.7 MMB for the week but 4.1 MMB higher than last year. East Coast (PADD I) heating oil inventories dropped by 0.4 MMB to 28.3 MMB with the only increase occurring in the Central Atlantic where stocks were up by 0.3 MMB to 17.8 MMB. Heating oil stocks in New England at 6.0 MMB fell by 0.3 MMB while in the Lower Atlantic, stocks decreased 0.4 MMB to 4.5 MMB. Total distillate production moved slightly higher at 3.6 million barrels per day (MMBD) with heating oil production slowing by 20 thousand barrels per day. Imports at 0.5 MMBD were 16 thousand barrels a day over last week. Demand increased 0.4 MMBD to 4.2 MMBD.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					High Sulfur (Greater than 0.05% Sulfur) Week Ending				
	01/05/01	01/12/01	01/19/01	01/26/01	01/28/00	01/05/01	01/12/01	01/19/01	01/26/01	01/28/00
East Coast (PADD I)	533	494	509	492	371	358	327	293	284	229
Midwest (PADD II)	877	899	944	922	834	154	208	247	222	217
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,778	1,740	1,589	1,572	1,487	646	634	519	468	624
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	139	138	154	135	134	29	29	28	16	25
West Coast (PADD V)	557	454	363	469	441	130	106	58	135	111
U.S. Total	3,884	3,725	3,559	3,590	3,267	1,317	1,304	1,145	1,125	1,206

Distillate Stocks¹ by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					High Sulfur (Greater than 0.05% Sulfur) Week Ending				
	01/05/01	01/12/01	01/19/01	01/26/01	01/26/00	01/05/01	01/12/01	01/19/01	01/26/01	01/26/00
East Coast (PADD I)	40.7	41.3	44.6	43.6	34.2	25.1	25.6	28.7	28.3	20.3
PADD IX	7.0	7.7	8.3	8.0	4.7	5.1	5.9	6.3	6.0	3.6
PADD IY	23.0	23.7	24.8	25.2	18.8	15.5	16.3	17.5	17.8	12.7
PADD IZ	10.7	9.8	11.5	10.5	10.7	4.5	3.4	4.9	4.5	4.0
Midwest (PADD II)	28.5	28.5	29.0	28.0	30.0	7.8	7.6	8.4	8.3	8.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	31.3	29.1	26.8	27.2	29.7	10.2	10.4	9.0	8.8	11.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
West Coast (PADD V)	13.0	13.1	12.3	12.3	13.0	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.4	3.0
U.S. Total	116.8	115.2	116.2	114.5	110.4	46.0	46.8	48.9	48.2	44.1

¹ Distillate fuel oil stocks held in the Northeast Heating Oil Reserve are not included. For details, see Appendix D in the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report*.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*.

PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices posted solid declines over the last week, keeping pace with falling crude oil prices, and generally reversing the previous week's increases. While crude oil prices softened following recent gains, distillates were further affected by milder temperatures and comparisons to year-ago stock levels. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil fell 7.33 cents for the week to 80.70 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price dropped 2.00 cents to 91.00 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price rose for a second week, increasing by 1.1 cents to 153.9 cents per gallon as of January 29, 2001, 10.0 cents higher than a year ago. Residential heating oil prices again dropped slightly over the past week. The average residential heating oil price for January 29, 2001 was 152.5 cents per gallon, a 0.6-cent decrease from the January 22 price of 153.1 cents. Compared to the year-ago price, this week's average residential price was down 14.2 cents from the January 31, 2000 average of 166.7 cents.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	01/08/01	01/16/01	01/22/01	01/29/01	01/31/00	01/08/01	01/16/01	01/22/01	01/29/01	01/31/00
New York	85.85	86.75	90.28	81.95	83.00	84.35	84.18	88.03	80.70	82.00
Chicago	82.70	89.63	97.40	89.25	75.63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	82.63	87.38	96.90	87.75	75.75	81.38	85.25	94.90	86.13	75.50
Los Angeles (CARB)	92.00	84.00	93.00	91.00	84.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Note: Data for 01/15/01 were not available due to the M. L. King holiday.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	01/08/01	01/15/01	01/22/01	01/29/01	01/31/00	01/08/01	01/15/01	01/22/01	01/29/01	01/31/00
East Coast (PADD I)	154.4	155.2	157.1	157.9	156.4	156.8	155.9	155.4	154.6	173.5
PADD IX	169.0	167.5	165.5	164.9	196.6	153.5	152.4	151.6	150.7	178.5
PADD IY	165.7	165.1	165.1	164.3	184.7	160.6	159.7	159.2	158.4	175.8
PADD IZ	148.3	149.8	153.0	154.6	140.5	146.8	148.6	149.3	149.4	129.1
Midwest (PADD II)	149.4	148.7	151.5	152.4	137.0	134.3	134.8	135.7	136.0	111.1
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	143.7	144.5	147.4	150.0	139.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	153.7	151.8	152.3	153.2	136.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	167.7	158.2	155.6	156.2	146.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
California	171.0	162.9	159.4	161.3	154.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. Average**	152.0	150.9	152.8	153.9	143.9	154.2	153.5	153.1	152.5	166.7

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA = Not Available.

R = Revised.

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